

MEET TO DISCUSS PRICE OF COTTON

Southern Growers at Montgomery Perfect Organization.

Montgomery, Ala., September 12.—One thousand men, representing every cotton growing State, met to-day in Montgomery to devise ways and means to rob the figures of the Federal cotton report and to secure a better price for cotton. There were present Congressmen and United States Senators, the Commissioners of Agriculture or their representatives from every Southern State, together with hundreds of farmers, bankers, business and professional men of the South.

The organization was effected by the cotton growers, and four committees were appointed, to be known as the committees on resolutions, marketing and financing the cotton crop, national legislation and statistics, estimates and conditions of the cotton crop.

These committees consist of the Commissioners of Agriculture of each State, three delegates from each State and President C. S. Barrett, of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union.

Senator E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, in scathing terms, denounced the so-called gambling of the New York, Liverpool and New Orleans Cotton Exchanges, and declared that the Southern farmer must gain his financial independence of these people. He said the farmers should demand a fair price on their cotton, and ventured the assertion that if the New England farmer had such a monopoly crop as the cotton crop, he would demand and receive 30 cents a pound for it.

Senator Smith also made an attack upon the accuracy of the government crop report. He asserted that the Southern farmer had lost enough money because of it to establish an insurance department to insure proper figures. He also criticized Attorney General Wickham's policy regarding so-called cotton monopoly.

Senator Smith proposed to introduce a bill when Congress meets to require the Secretary of Agriculture to show in his monthly cotton census the amount of cotton in the field and the number of bales in warehouses and who owned these bales. Throughout his speech Mr. Smith was heartily applauded.

The convention was called together at noon. Commissioner of Agriculture E. G. Watson, of South Carolina, was made permanent chairman.

The convention will close Wednesday evening with a demonstration in honor of Hon. Oscar W. Underwood, Democratic leader of the House of Representatives, who will reach this city with a party of good roads advocates from Birmingham.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy, Matinee and Night—"Polly of the Circus."

Bliss—"School Days."

Polly Comes Back.

In "Polly of the Circus" Frederic Thompson has surpassed himself in his efforts to give novel investiture to the story of a child circus rider who meets with an accident, marries and falls in love with a minister, marries him and lives happily ever after. Miss Ida St. Leon, the youngest leading woman on the stage to-day, has the title part in Frederic Thompson's "Polly of the Circus," which will be seen at the Academy to-day, matinee and night.

This play was the attraction at the Liberty Theatre, New York, for one solid year.

HURT WATCHING GANG FIGHT

New York Militia Officer May Be Fatally Injured.

New York, September 12.—Captain Edward Flack, a well known New York officer of the State militia, was rushed to a hospital here early to-day with a fractured skull, received while he was watching a gang fight at a Harlem street corner. His injuries are likely to result fatally.

According to witnesses, Flack was standing a little too near the participants in the row and received a blow which was intended for one of the combatants. The fighters all escaped in the confusion.

STEAMER IS TOTAL LOSS

Passengers and Crew of Pacific Liner Ramona Rescued.

Seattle, Wash., September 12.—The wooden steamship Ramona, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, bound from Skagway for Seattle, with passengers and freight, went ashore on one of the Spanish Islands opposite Cape Decision, Alaska, at 8 o'clock Sunday morning and is a total loss.

The passengers and crew were taken off by the steamship Northwest and are on the way to Seattle.

Sunday School Figures.

The first meeting of the Methodist Sunday School Association held since June shows an attendance of 1,401 members from five schools. The meeting was held in the Broad Street Methodist Church, and was of more than usual interest.

Following is a list of members: Bessie Street, 123; St. James, 175; Denny Street, 222; Union Station, 637; Highland Park, 228.

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DRINKS POISON
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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lynchburg, Va., September 12.—Roy Wingfield, aged about twenty-eight years and unmarried, a tinner by trade, attempted suicide this morning about 8 o'clock by drinking carbolic acid. He died this afternoon.

If the cause of the man's act was not ill health, than the cause is not known. A note was found in one of the pockets of his clothing, which indicated his purpose when he went to the park. As this was addressed to his mother, the contents were not made public.

ORGANIZED AT CHARLOTTE.

"Back Home Movement" Takes Definite Shape.

Charlotte, N. C., September 12.—"The back home movement" took definite shape here to-day at a meeting wherein railroad officials, newspaper men and secretaries of commercial bodies from all sections of the State participated. Organization was perfected under the name of "The North Carolina Home Makers' Association," and the following officers were elected:

President, United States Senator L. S. Overman, of North Carolina; First Vice-President, W. C. Dowd, Charlotte News; Second Vice-President, H. B. Varner, Lexington Dispatch; Third Vice-President, Z. P. Smith, Fayetteville. Executive committee—Dr. L. N. Faison, Charlotte; Fred A. Olds, Raleigh, and James H. Caine, Asheville Citizen.

A board of governors, two members from each congressional district, was also appointed.

A secretary-manager will be named at a later meeting of the executive committee.

CHINESE ADMIRAL
AT WASHINGTON

Washington, September 12.—Rear-Admiral Ching, Pin Kwang, of the Chinese navy, arrived to-night from New York, and retired early. He will pay his respects to official Washington to-morrow.

A busy day awaits the distinguished visitor here to-morrow. In the forenoon he will make formal calls upon acting Secretary of State Wilson, and acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop. Return calls will be immediately made. Later the admiral, members of his suite, and officers of the Chinese legation will be luncheon guests of Acting Secretary Winthrop, at the Metropolitan Club. The party will leave Washington in the afternoon for Beverly, Mass., where President Taft will receive the admiral on Thursday.

A few days later the party plans to pay a second visit to Washington, when the admiral will be taken to Mount Vernon, where he will place a wreath on the tomb of Washington.

COUNTERFEITERS AT WORK.

Dangerous Gang Believed to Be Busy on Pacific Coast.

Washington, September 12.—The secret service believes that a dangerous gang of bank note counterfeiters, which has been lying low for a year, again is operating on the Pacific coast. A counterfeit ten-dollar note on the Pasadena (Cal.) National Bank, brought to secret service headquarters to-day, was declared to be the work of the same gang which in September counterfeited notes on national banks in Los Angeles and El Centro, Cal.; Portland, Ore., and Williamsport, Pa.

The activity of the secret service men a year ago stopped the operation of the counterfeiters.

Finger Ground Off.

Lewis Davis, of 1202 Brook Avenue, caught his finger in some machinery at the Richmond Paper Box Company, 133 East Franklin Street, yesterday afternoon, and it was ground off. He was attended by Dr. Hulcher, of the city ambulance, and was then taken home.

Judge Waddill Returns.

Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, returned to the city after spending the summer at the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs.

Police Court Cases.

The case against Lawyer Hayes, Jack Jackson and Dudley Payne, colored, charged with feloniously assaulting John Frayser with a rock, was continued in Police Court yesterday morning to September 16.

William Hanton, colored, was charged with using a shovel on the head of Edward Bishop, and he will appear before the grand jury.

Lottie Duncan and Robert Blackwell, colored, charged with shooting at Levi Rose, were dismissed.

IS LONE SURVIVOR OF INDIAN TRIBE

Man Captured in California May Be Turned Over to Allied Tribe.

Washington, D. C., September 12.—Officials of the Indian Bureau here are figuring on what they shall do with the lone survivor of the Yana Tribe of Indians, popularly known as the Nogi tribe, who was captured near Oroville, Cal., recently. A report was received to-day from Charles L. Davis, one of the agents of the bureau, in which he recommended that the lone Yana be cared for by some member of an allied tribe. This, it was stated, probably would be the course adopted.

"After a year or two," said Mr. Davis, "he doubtless would be able to look after himself, become a member of the band and live as they do." Mr. Davis reported that the Indian was before well treated by the University of California authorities, who now have him in charge, and that he "does not attempt to get away, but, on the other hand, evidences a desire to remain with his new acquaintances rather than expose himself to those unknown."

The lone Yana, Mr. Davis believes, is the last of a group of four or five Indians who for years past had lived in the practically inaccessible haunts of several years ago a party of explorers, the report adds, evidently drove them from this seclusion, and in the attempt to find another hiding place, all of them perished but the old man taken a few days ago. He is an expert, Mr. Davis says, "in killing the calls of wild animals, showing he has preserved the wiles of the savage to allure the wild game to him."

The Yana tribe, according to Indian Bureau records, always was a small tribe, and of a distinct linguistic family. In 1864 neighboring California miners, annoyed at some depredations, massacred all but fifty of the whole tribe, which then numbered about 2,000. In 1902 only six or seven remained.

COSTLY NAVAL STATION
ABANDONED BY JAPAN

Post at Port Arthur in Manchuria Becomes of Secondary Importance.

Washington, D. C., September 12.—Purely strategic reasons have induced the Japanese government to decide upon the abandonment of a costly naval station at Port Arthur, in Manchuria, representing an investment of many millions of dollars. That station was built by the Russians when they were in control of the Liaotung Peninsula.

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INSPECTORS TRAIL A SOCIETY WOMAN

Follow Mrs. James J. Brown to Newport and There Seize Pearl Necklace.

Newport, September 12.—Mrs. James J. Brown, of Denver, a leader in the social set here, has survived a most unpleasant experience with the customs inspectors in Boston. After experiencing considerable difficulty at the customs house, Mrs. Brown was trailed for hours by inspectors, who accompanied her even to the gilded gates of Newport.

When Mrs. Brown arrived in Newport the customs inspectors requested her to open her trunk at the railway station and surrender a pearl necklace which she had brought over from Europe. Later the necklace was returned to Mrs. Brown with a note of apology from Appraiser Hodges, of Boston.

When seen at the Muehlinger King cottage Mrs. Brown told the story of her experiences with the customs men.

"Two days before the vessel arrived in Boston," she said, "I carefully made out a list of all my valuable possessions."

In order to verify the declarations I even presented the bills of sale for the various articles which I had purchased abroad, but the officials demanded twice as much as the amount I had figured. The result was that I did not have this amount in cash. In consequence I was forced to drive to a bank before my baggage could be released.

"I did not object in the least to paying the amount asked by the government, but I did rebel at being forced to wait so long before I could get my baggage on the way to Newport. At 4 o'clock it was noon before I saw my baggage on the way to Newport. What was my astonishment, while walking through the station, to be intercepted by officers from the Boston customs house."

"They said they had been ordered by the appraiser to bring back a certain string of pearls. 'Why, my dear friend,' I told them, 'my husband has already gone ahead to Newport. If you want that string of pearls you must go to Newport for it.'"

"They said they must go to Newport, and must accompany me. I was very much embarrassed at being accompanied by officers in uniform, but what was I to do? On the way it occurred to me that I had paid for the pearls with money obtained from the bank by check, and I produced the stub of the checkbook and agreed to produce the voucher in ten days. The inspectors said they would have to bring the pearls back to Boston."

"When we arrived in Newport I was obliged to open my trunk and deliver the pearls. Later the pearls were returned to me, accompanied by a letter of apology."

STATE CAMP IN SESSION.

Patriotic Sons of America Meet at Lynchburg.

Lynchburg, Va., September 12.—The State camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America in its seventh annual session here to-day, heard splendid reports of the progress of the order in Virginia during the past year, selected Fredericksburg as the place for the next meeting, elected officers and adjourned for a series of arrangements made by the local camps for the pleasure of the visitors during the afternoon and evening.

The camp will be in session to-morrow, adjournment probably coming during the afternoon, or evening.

A meeting was called to order at 9:30 o'clock this morning, when an address of welcome was made by A. E. Anderson, who represented the fraternal orders of the city. This was responded to by State President Thos. B. Ivey, of Petersburg.

The annual report of the State president, Thomas B. Ivey, was read and received, after which the annual election of officers took place, as follows: President, W. R. Bennett, of Portsmouth; Vice-President, W. H. Rice, of Richmond; Master of Forms, C. L. Craft, of Lynchburg; Secretary, F. W. Alexander, of the Greenbrier; Conductor, H. Brunner, of Falls Church; Inspector, J. V. Perley, of Charlottesville; Guard, A. L. Groves, of Richmond. Trustee for three years, B. T. Gordon of Richmond. National representatives, J. W. Brown, of Petersburg, and R. C. L. Moncure, of Falmouth.

A MOTHER'S DUTY

It is the duty of every expectant mother to prepare her system for the coming of her little one; to avoid as far as possible the suffering of such occasions, and endeavor to pass through the crisis with her health and strength unimpaired. This she may do through the use of Mother's Friend, a remedy that has been so long in use, and accomplished so much good, that it is in no sense an experiment, but a preparation which always produces the best results. It is for external application and so penetrating in its nature as to thoroughly lubricate every muscle, nerve and tendon involved during the period before baby comes. It aids nature by expanding the skin and tissues, relieves tenderness and soreness, and perfectly prepares the system for natural and safe motherhood. Mother's Friend has been used and endorsed by thousands of mothers, and its use will prove a comfort and a benefit to any woman in need of such a remedy. Mother's Friend is sold at drug stores. Write for free book for expectant mothers, which contains much valuable information. BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

WEATHER FAVORABLE.

Report on Condition in National Weekly Bulletin.

Washington, September 12.—Generally favorable weather prevailed in the cotton growing States east of the Mississippi during the week ended, according to the national weekly bulletin, issued to-day by the Weather Bureau. West of the Mississippi the weather was not so favorable.

The bulletin summary says: "The cotton growing States and the rainfall, though generally below the normal, was sufficient for present needs over most of the region to the eastward of the Mississippi River, but in large portions of Texas there was no rain, and only light showers occurred in portions of Arkansas and Louisiana."

Conditions by States follow: Virginia—Precipitation decreased from normal in southwest to only trace in southeast. Temperatures near 50 degrees, showers in mountains sixth and seventh. Much sunshine in East.

North Carolina—Warm. Scattered showers. Few heavy local rains. Temperatures above normal. Ample sunshine. Conditions favorable.

South Carolina—Temperatures above normal, precipitations slightly below normal in northeast, much above in remainder. Sunshine about normal.

Dislocates Hip.

G. C. Darden, of 1811 Venable Street, fell from a street car at Eighteenth and Main Streets last night and dislocated his right hip. He was treated by Dr. Crowder, of the City Hospital, and then taken to the Virginia Hospital.

Marriage License.

A marriage license was issued yesterday in the Hustings Court to Bob N. Chapman and Bertha M. Bowden.

Reports Robbery.

J. W. Klau, of 2240 Park Avenue, reported to the police last night that he had been robbed of a lady's handbag, a lady's gold watch, valued at \$75, and a savings bank containing \$30 or \$40, and a bunch of keys. The robbery was said to have occurred some time on Sunday, but the manner in which it was committed was not known to Mr. Klau.

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AGREE ON TERMS OF FRENCH REPLY

Cabinet Ministers Approve Answer to Germany Prepared by De Selevs.

Paris, September 12.—A momentous meeting of the Cabinet was held this afternoon to consider France's reply to Germany's counter-proposals in the Moroccan negotiations. The meeting lasted three hours. The terms and rough draft of the document were laid before the ministers by Foreign Minister De Selevs, and were scrutinized from every aspect.

Although the ministers formally refuse to satisfy public curiosity by making any statement as to what passed at the historic council, it is understood that the reply is its fullest approval to the reply prepared by M. De Selevs, which is no less explicit than that submitted by Germany. It sets forth in the clearest possible manner France's position with regard to the question of principle raised by the German proposals.

"Attention is to the necessity of maintaining commercial equality for all, and of assurance to France of an absolutely free hand, politically in Morocco."

The foreign minister will proceed to Brussels to-morrow to submit the decision of the Cabinet to President Fallieres. He will then have drawn up the definite text of the reply, which will be dispatched from Paris without delay, and will be in the possession of the German government by the end of the week.

Germany Awakened.

Berlin, September 12.—No further developments in the Moroccan affair are expected here pending the receipt of France's reply to the German proposals. The French ambassador, M. Cambon, is in Dresden with his family, awaiting the receipt of his government.

Although the public anxieties regarding the differences between France and Germany have been largely allayed, stocks opened somewhat weaker on the Bourse to-day owing to the unsatisfactory course of the New York and Paris markets yesterday.

A report printed in the foreign press that the Russian government had withdrawn great sums of money from Berlin is authoritatively denied, and it is asserted that it is with French credit from German houses has been much exaggerated in the reports. Whatever withdrawals were made were so slight, it is declared, that they played no part in the recent stock market panic.

France Holds German Balloonists.

Verden, Department of Meuse, France, September 12.—A balloon carrying two German soldiers crossed the frontier and came down to-day in the village of Rouvres. The balloonists were detained and the French military authorities notified.

It appears that the strangers ascended at Frankfurt-on-the-Main for a purely pleasure trip, but the discovery of numerous documents, including graphs in their possession led the local authorities to hold them.

GRANDSON OF SAMPSON LAYS DREADNOUGHT KEEL

Work on the Monster New York Is Commenced at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

New York, September 12.—With the young grandson of the late Rear-Admiral Sampson driving the first bolt, the keel of the superdreadnought New York, to be the biggest of Uncle Sam's fighting craft, was laid yesterday morning in the Brooklyn Navy Yard in the presence of an assemblage of naval officers and yard visitors. Simple ceremonies marked the beginning of the work of constructing the great ship, which is to bear the name of the Empire State, heretofore borne by a cruiser.

The fact that the huge battleship is to be built here means that an immense sum will be spent at the local yard in wages and there was gladness yesterday among the mechanics who look to the naval station for employment. It is expected that the New York will be completed by the summer of 1914.

The new "peace preserver" is to be constructed on the same way as the keels of the battleships Connecticut and Florida and the collier Vestal have been built.

Those assembled at the ways yesterday to witness the laying of the keel included Rear-Admiral Leutze, the commander of the yard, with the members of his staff; Representatives Calder and Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn, who were active in having the work assigned to the Brooklyn yard; Naval Constructor Robert E. Stocker, who is to direct the workers; Assistant Constructor John Bailey, and other naval officers.

The New York will have a length of 573 feet, a breadth of 95 feet 3 inches, a total displacement of 27,000 tons and a speed of 28 knots. Her power, her major armament will consist of 14-inch guns. She will be one of the first vessels of the navy to be armed with 14-inch rifles.

With a displacement of 5,000 tons more than that of the Florida, the New York, when launched, will be the biggest and most powerful fighting ship ever constructed for the United States Navy. She and her sister ship, the Texas, will be larger in every way than the Florida, which is expected, will soon be ready to go into commission at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

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